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Honorable Gordon Gray Director Office of Defense Mobilisation Washington 25. D. C.

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Executive Office of the President National Security Council Washington

January 29, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

THE DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION

SUBJECT:

Report to the President by the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities, dated December 20, 1956

The President, after consideration of agency comments thereon, has directed action as indicated below, on the following recommendation of the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities:

Recommendation:

"We suggest that you lend your prestige to the recruitment of personnel to study Soviet high-grade ciphers. This program, at your request, might possibly be managed by the Science Advisory Committee of the Office of Defense Mobilization; or by the Weapons System Evaluation Group of the Department of Defense."

Action:

Refer to the Secretary of Defense and the Director, Office of Defense Mobilization, for the joint selection of a special panel of the Science Advisory Committee to develop specific recommendations for consideration by the Special COMINT Committee. The Secretary of State, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Director, National Security Agency, will be consulted both in the selection of the panel and in the development of recommendations by the panel.

In approving the above action, the President has directed that a report be submitted to him as soon as practicable and prior to taking final action thereon.

JAMES S. LAY, JR., Executive Secretary

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